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DETAILED ACTION

1. The proposed After Final amendment, filed on 05/15/2008, is entered. This amendment overcome 35 USC 112 2nd paragraph rejection of claim 14.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicants' arguments filed 05/15/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

3. In regarding to 35 USC 103(a) rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 12, 15, and 18 based on '740, '283, '451, '998, and '216, see the bottom of page 7 to page 10, applicant's argument is that the combination of Grosshart '283 and Kim '998 lacks motivation because Grosshart does not disclose or suggest using latent heat of vaporization in a plasma processing apparatus (specifically, the first complete paragraph on page 10).

4. This argument is found not persuasive. In response to applicant's arguments against the references individually, one cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981); *In re Merck & Co.*, 800 F.2d 1091, 231 USPQ 375 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

To further clarify the motivation to combine '283 with '998, as stated at last 3 lines on page 4 of the final office action to the top of page 5, "283 ... teaches the use of refrigeration sources for achieving steady-state thermal environment (col. 2, lines 4-21 and col. 6, lines 14-36). '998 ... teaches the well-known details of refrigeration ... in order to maintain optimum temperature conditions ...". Specifically, '998 provides the details of refrigeration system that '283 is lacking, which is suitably for '283's purpose.

The selection of something based on its known suitability for its intended use has been held to support a *prima facie* case of obviousness. *Sinclair & Carroll Co. v. Interchemical Corp.*, U.S. 327, 65 USPQ 297 (1945).

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